
**The Significance of
Johnson's Acquittal**

Andrew Johnson stood fast in his strict interpretation of the Constitution. At the risk of his political career, he resisted the subjugation of a defeated South and the attempt to reduce the power of the executive. Vindicated in his own day by reelection to the Senate in 1875, Johnson's removal of Stanton was justified by the Supreme Court in 1926. The court ruled all Tenure of Office Acts unconstitutional. This first impeachment

of a President in our nation's history shows the delicate balance of the Constitution. Had we removed a President from office for what amounted to political unpopularity, a dangerous precedent would have been set. Instead, the acquittal of Andrew Johnson kept the constitutional power of the Presidency intact.

**How the Senate Voted
May 16, 1868**

Anthony - Rhode Island
Cameron - Pennsylvania
Cattell - New Jersey
Chandler - Michigan
Cole - California
Conkling - New York
Conness - California
Corbett - Oregon
Cragin - New Hampshire
Drake - Missouri
Edmunds - Vermont
Ferry - Connecticut
Frelinghuysen - New Jersey
Harlan - Iowa
Howard - Michigan
Howe - Wisconsin
Morgan - New York
Morrill, J. - Vermont
Morrill, L. - Maine
Morton - Indiana
Nye - Nevada
Patterson, J. - New Hampshire
Pomeroy - Kansas
Ramsey - Minnesota
Sherman - Ohio
Sprague - Rhode Island
Stewart - Nevada
Sumner - Massachusetts
Thayer - Nebraska
Tipton - Nebraska
Wade - Ohio
Willey - West Virginia
Williams - Oregon
Wilson - Massachusetts
Yates - Illinois

Bayard - Delaware
Buckalew - Pennsylvania
Davis - Kentucky
Dixon - Connecticut
Doolittle - Wisconsin
*Fessenden - Maine
*Fowler - Tennessee
*Grimes - Iowa
*Henderson - Missouri
Hendricks - Indiana
Johnson - Maryland
McCreery - Kentucky
Norton - Minnesota
Patterson, D. - Tennessee
*Ross - Kansas
Saulsbury - Delaware
*Trumbull - Illinois
*Van Winkle - West Virginia
Vickers - Maryland

* Seven Republicans, placing their political futures (and in some cases their lives) in jeopardy, voted not guilty. All Democratic Senators cast not guilty votes.

